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In response to the outstanding Office Action, kindly amend the subject

application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 37-43 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Kindly amend claims 1, 14, 26 and 36 as follows. A marked-up version showing the changes made is attached.

-1. (Amended) A magnetic recording medium, in which an aluminum oxide layer having holes on a substrate is filled with a magnetic substance, comprising:

at least one conductive layer between the aluminum oxide layer and the substrate, wherein the magnetic substance contacts the conductive layer and the magnetic substance includes a hard magnetic substance that has hcp structure and the c-axes of which are oriented in a direction perpendicular to the substrate.

A2 14. (Amended) A magnetic record and reproduction apparatus comprising the magnetic recording medium according to claim 1.

A3 26. (Amended) A magnetic record and reproduction apparatus comprising the magnetic recording medium according to claim 15.
